

The Alexandria Gazette

SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 13.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE—Yesterday, Mr. Trumbull's bill to enlarge the powers of the Freedmen's Bureau was taken up and read as amended in the Judiciary Committee. It takes the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners from among officers of the army to be detailed for that purpose; authorizes the President to set apart the unoccupied public lands in Florida, Mississippi and Arkansas, to the extent of three millions of acres, for the use of freedmen and refugees, in parcels not exceeding forty acres, each, and protects the occupants in the enjoyment of the lands so partitioned off. They are to pay a fixed annual rent, or may purchase the land and receive a title thereto in fee-simple. The possessory titles to lands on the Sea Islands, granted in pursuance of General Sherman's orders, are to be confirmed and made valid. The other provisions relate to the military protection of freedmen, and the punishment of those who subject freedmen to slavery. The bill to regulate the elective franchise in the District of Columbia was reported; but with the provision stricken out which required the elector to be able to write his name and to read the Constitution of the U. S.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—The House passed a bill extending the time for withdrawing goods from bonded warehouses. It provides that all goods, wares and merchandise that may remain in the public or private bonded warehouses on the 1st of April next, may be withdrawn within one year from the time of importation, and after one year from original importation, and until the expiration of three years, goods may be withdrawn for consumption, on the payment of duties and charges, with an additional duty of ten cents. The judiciary committee reported in favor of the joint resolution to transfer the counties of Jefferson and Berkeley from Virginia to West Virginia, but it was recommitted. The committee of ways and means was instructed to inquire into the expediency of exempting carriages valued at \$100 from internal revenue taxes; and also of repealing the tax on paper, religious and educational books. A resolution was adopted to inquire into the expediency of the appointment of a Commission by the President to take charge of so much of the powers of the Washington city government as relates to the police, sewerage, sanitary regulations, cleaning and control of the streets, &c. A debate then ensued on suffrage in the District of Columbia. Both Houses adjourned until Monday.

FROM LOUISIANA.—A despatch from New Orleans, says:—"A number of negroes, in a parish on Red river, rose in arms a few days ago, and tried to murder the overseers, but failed. They then marched to another place to wait for reinforcements. The militia captured them all without serious difficulty and arrested their accomplices on several plantations, where arms and ammunition were found secreted. Previously the freedmen in that section had refused to work. The militia and military in Caddo are under arms. Capt. Taylor, of the Parish militia, was arrested by the military, but he escaped from jail. The action of the military in rescuing him, by force of arms from the custody of the Sheriff, at Jefferson, Texas, has been sustained by the Federal authorities and the principal agent ordered back to his post.

ANOTHER AFFRAY.—We have an account of another rencontre in Richmond. A despatch in the Washington Chronicle, says:—"A rencontre took place at the Spotswood Hotel between Mr. Pollard, editor of the Examiner, and Mr. Brooks, the correspondent of the New York Times, the former using a cowhide. Neither received any serious injury. The provocation for the assault was a letter in the Times of the 8th inst., ridiculing Mr. P. Pollard attacked Brooks, who was unarmed. Pollard was armed with a pistol, knife and cowhide. Brooks took the cowhide from his assailant and threw it away, when Pollard drew a knife, and the parties were separated."

The city of Mexico is better supplied with water than any city in the world. It has two immense aqueducts—one seven miles long and the other three—which bring the water from the mountains to the very heart of the city; thence by arteries it is distributed in every direction. There are also numerous artesian wells in the city and its suburbs. By boring an average depth of eighty feet the water rises several feet above the surface of the earth, and flows in a very bold stream. In many instances this water is not at all brackish, but is as fresh and as sweet as that brought from the mountains.

The Winchester Times says:—"We are gratified to announce to our readers that measures are on foot that will soon place the Winchester & Potomac Railroad in hands competent to take charge of it, and from which the stockholders and the community will eventually derive much benefit."

On the 15th of February there will be sold at auction, by order of the New Orleans city government, fourteen squares of levee property in front of the business portion of the city.

SENATOR WADE.—The Washington Chronicle states that on Wednesday last a man "dressed in gray clothes," of "unusually large proportions," called at Senator Wade's residence, in Washington, and was shown up stairs. "After being seated he stated that he was trying to obtain employment in the United States navy, and asked Mr. Wade to sign a paper of recommendation for him. Senator Wade refused to do so, saying he did not know him, and advised him to procure the signature of some person to whom he was known. After listening to this reply, the strange visitor, whose physiognomy Mr. Wade describes as singularly malicious and brutal, looked at the Senator with a significant scowl, which the latter plainly interpreted as meaning mischief. At this juncture of the interview Mr. Wade arose, and, stepping into an adjoining room, armed himself with a loaded pistol, and quietly returned again into the room where the man in gray was sitting. After looking at each other sometime in silence, the man began the conversation by saying: "Aint you going to sign my paper?" To which the Senator returned an emphatic negative, adding that he had no knowledge of him. Matters now began to reach a crisis. The stranger arose to his feet, drawing out a bowie knife, about twelve inches long, and remarking, "I suppose you know we are alone, sir, in this room." He was proceeding to unsheathe his weapon, when Senator Wade sprang to his feet, and drawing forth his pistol, placed it within a short distance of his head, telling him to clear out immediately or he would shoot him. Taken somewhat by surprise, the man in gray began to find his way to the door, followed up closely by Senator W., with his pistol still in close proximity to his head. The Senator, with true Western politeness, saw his visitor down stairs, and, before reaching the door, quietly informed him that he had a great notion to shoot him anyhow. Upon this the stranger departed. During the visit he failed to produce any papers for signature, and, evidently, made this a mere pretext for the interview. At the time of the visit, there were no persons in the house beside Senator Wade, except Mr. Matthews and his lady and a servant."

SUFFRAGE IN THE DISTRICT.—The House bill relating to the elective franchise in the District of Columbia having been acted upon in part, and recommitted, was yesterday reported. As thus amended, it provides:

1. That every male person twenty-one years of age, except paupers, persons under guardianship, and criminals, who has resided in the District six months, is entitled to vote. 2. That a rejection or refusal to receive votes of all thus entitled to vote is punishable by fine not exceeding \$5,000, or imprisonment one year in the District jail, or both. 3. That wilful disturbance of any elector in the exercise of his franchise is liable to a fine of \$1,000, or imprisonment thirty days, or both. Other provisions relate to preparation of check list, &c. The clause requiring the voter to know how to read and write is stricken out.

The Boston Post, Traveler and Journal have raised the price of their papers. They state that the advance in the cost of paper, which has been from sixty to seventy per cent. since the reduction last summer, fully justifies them in this course. Several papers in different sections of the country have also lately advanced their rates, in consequence of the very high price of printing paper. Several of our exchange papers in different parts of the country, which were lately enlarged, have curtailed their proportions, and now issue smaller sheets. Others intend to follow their example.

The Brownsville (Texas) correspondent of the 4th says the American division under Crawford was not making much headway, as the Federal soldiers were forbidden to enlist, and the Brownsville recruiting office closed. It is understood that Gen. Escobedo is preparing for another attack on Matamoros. The Imperialists surprised several small companies of the Liberals, killing twelve and capturing thirty, who are to be executed by Maximilian's orders. Gen. Crawford addressed Gen. Weitzel on the subject, asking him to prevent the murder. The latter replied, stating that he had entered a solemn protest against the act, but Gen. Mejia informed him that he was compelled to obey the orders of his Government.

In his inaugural address, Gov. Swann, of Md., said:—"The loyal men of the South, admitted to be ever so limited in number, stand in no relation which would justify, even if the power existed under the Constitution, the forcible surrender of their country into the hands of the African race. I have advocated the cause of universal emancipation in Maryland and throughout the country, because I believed it to be a measure of duty as well as urgent State necessity. But I could not justify myself to the people of Maryland if I should give countenance to the effort now making by some impulsive men, no doubt sincere and honest in their convictions, to confer universal suffrage upon the negro race."

President Johnson sent a message to the Senate and House of Representatives yesterday, in which he stated his reasons for declining to issue the usual proclamation with reference to the formation of a State Government in Colorado, and submitting the question for the consideration and further action of Congress.

The New York Commercial Advertiser, a Republican paper, criticises quite severely the concluding portion of the reply of Mr. Attorney General Speed to the Senate resolution in regard to the trial of Mr. Davis. We quote, as follows: "Thank God! the men who have perilled their lives in this war are tired of carnage, and want no more butchery. Grant and Sherman, with their pleas for mercy are worth a whole regiment of stay-at-home doctrinaires. It is rather late in the day for the punishment of men who surrendered months ago, and every successive day reduces the number of the blood-thirsty, while it adds to the blind ferocity of the few implacable that remain."

Panama dates to January 1st state that the steamship Peru arrived there on the 28th. Among her passengers is Christopher Robinson, late U. S. Minister to Peru, who returns home. War matters in Chili remain unchanged. After capturing the Spanish blockading ship Woodonga, the Chilean man-of-war put to sea, and it is believed she sailed for a southern port of Peru for the purpose of uniting with the Peruvian fleet.

Miss Harriet Lane, niece of ex-President Buchanan, was, on Thursday, married to Henry E. Johnston, esq., of Baltimore. The ceremony took place at Wheatland, the residence of Mr. Buchanan.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Will the Superintendent of Police please look at the flagging at the mouth of the alley running west from Pitt, between Queen and Cameron streets? It is in a very bad condition, so much so that two persons, one of them a lady, have lately fallen in attempting to cross there. The lady was so seriously injured that her friends meditated a suit for damages against the corporation. The people are taxed heavily, and it is not supposed that the money is all consumed in the salaries of officials. Let some of it go on the aforesaid flagging.

A TAX PAYER.

OBITUARY.

Died, of consumption, on the 1st of December, ARMSTEAD U. HURDLE, in the 32d year of his age. The above sad notice appeared in the Gazette of the same date. Although his friends entertained no hopes of his recovery they were not prepared for his sudden demise. He had been struggling patiently with the fell disease that had fastened upon his system, and it was thought that his strength might sustain him until the flowers of spring could cheer him with their fragrance; but it pleased the merciful arbiter of our destinies to order it otherwise, and he sank into his last sleep like an infant at its mother's breast. The writer knew Armstead as an obedient son; a kind husband, an affectionate father and an ardent friend. The principles of duty, inherited from grand-father and father, were ever illustrated in his daily walks of life. For several years his health had been declining; although suffering acutely his serenity of temper and patient fortitude were always observable, and his friends could not but wish that a portion of his sufferings could be borne by them. Just before his death his constant prayer was "Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on me." He knew that the intercession of his Saviour was essential, and he never ceased to invoke it. That he has reached a haven of endless rest is the consoling thought of his relatives and friends. "Prepare to follow me, my dear wife, instill into the heart of our dear daughter the pure principles of religion, and teach her that a virtuous life is to be prized above the gaudy tinsel of conventional society." Such were among his last wishes; that they may be realized is the sincere wish of a FRIEND.

DWELLING AND TWO OFFICES FOR RENT.—We offer for rent the Dwelling House, situated on the corner of King and Washington streets, formerly occupied by Judge C. Neale, and two offices attached thereto, on Washington st.

BRENT & WATTLES, [Journal copy.]

BRUCE'S CONCENTRATED FERTILIZER.—The immediate results of the use of this highly approved fertilizer are as marked as in the application of Peruvian Guano, while at the same time the land on which it is applied is permanently enriched.

A discount made to dealers. For sale by GEORGE E. WHITE, Nos. 89 and 91, Cameron street.

\$25 REWARD.—Stolen from the farm of the late Elizabeth Hudson, dec'd., in the county of Culpeper, on the night of the 29th of December, 1865, a **SORREL STALLION COLT**, will be three years old in the spring, about 14½ hands high, small white spot in forehead, somewhat rubbed about the neck and mane from wearing a yoke, quite a handsome colt. It was tract in the direction of Alexandria. I will give the above reward to any one delivering the colt to me in Alexandria, or \$50 for the colt and thief. A. G. HUDSON, Jan 12—1w No. 46, South Washington st.

REMOVAL. **COAL AND WOOD.** The ALEXANDRIA COAL COMPANY have removed their yard to Royal street, between Prince and Duke streets, where they will always keep on hand a superior quality of WOOD and COAL, which they will sell at a small profit.

Wood and Coal delivered to any part of the city. A. S. PERPENER, Agent. Jan 11—2w

ALEXANDRIA WATER COMPANY. An adjourned general meeting of this company will be held at the Custom House, on Thursday, the 18th inst., at 3½ o'clock p. m. R. JOHNSTON, Secretary. Jan 11—4td [Journal]

NEWSPAPERS, for Wrapping Paper, for sale at this office. Jan 11—5w

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!! GREAT INDUCEMENTS.

The undersigned begs leave to inform the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity, that he is selling his entire stock, consisting of

DRY GOODS, FANCY GOODS, BOOTS AND SHOES, at and below cost, as he positively intends closing business by the 15th of March.

He will sell you:— Calicoes, best quality, from 23 to 26 cts., worth 30 cents. Muslin Delaines from 30 to 33 cts., worth 37c. Cotton and Silk Poplins, less than cost. Black Alpacas at 45 cts., worth 75 cts. All Wool Flannels from 40 cts., and upwards. French Merinoes, best quality, from \$1.15 to \$1.37, worth \$2. Bleached Cottons at 27 cts. and upwards; Brown Cottons 25 cts. and upwards; Ladies Morocco Boots from \$1.75 to \$2.25; Boys Boots from \$1.30 to \$1.75, and a great many other things too numerous to mention.

N. B.—All persons indebted to me will please call as soon as practicable and make settlement.

WM. SILVERMAN, No. 222½, King street, 2nd door from Alfred. My Store will be closed every Saturday, Jan 10—1m

TO THE PUBLIC.

A FAIR! FAIR! FAIR! Under the auspices of the **SONS OF TEMPERANCE, THE RECAPITES & SAREPTA LODGE, I. O. O. F.**

The ladies friendly to the above associations, propose holding a **FAIR**, the proceeds of which will go to furnishing the Hall for the above associations, to commence on

Monday, the 15th day of January, at which there will be a display of **USEFUL AND FANCY ARTICLES**, suitable for the time and season.

The Fair to continue during the week, or until notice to the contrary be given. The ladies hope for success in this benevolent enterprise.—At their Hall, corner of Royal and King streets, Alexandria, Jan 10—5w

BY J. A. STOUTENBURG, AUCTIONEER.

AUCTION SALE.

On **TUESDAY MORNING**, January 16th, at 10 o'clock, will be sold, at the N. E. corner of King and Columbus street, about

FIVE HUNDRED UNCLAIMED PACKAGES, from the Adams' Express Company. Parties may expect to obtain bargains, as the packages will be sold without being opened. Jan 10—1f

FOR RENT.—Several excellent ROOMS, in the house, No. 52, Washington street. Apply to [Jan 11—3t] W. S. KEMPER.

NOTICE.

HENRY R. HART, Offers his services to the public for the COLLECTION of RENTS, ACCOUNTS, &c. He may be found for the present at the office of Messrs. Jamieson & Bro., No. 10, south Royal street. He refers to Messrs. Robert Breckett, Lewis McKenzie, and to Jamieson & Bro. Jan 10—1f

BAKERY, NO. 4, SOUTH FAIRFAX ST., ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Where **BREAD**, of the best quality, **PIES, CAKES, &c.**, can always be had, fresh, *wholesale and retail*. All orders from country or city promptly attended to and customers furnished with all asked for, at the lowest cash prices. [Jan 10—1f] ADAMS & CO.

J. A. ROSE & CO.

AUCTION & COMMISSION MERCHANTS, 53, KING STREET,

Will give special attention to the sale of **HOUSES, LOTS, FARMS AND STOCK**; also, **FURNITURE** of persons declining housekeeping, and all kinds of merchandise, either on the premises or at their Auction Rooms.

Cash advances made on consignments. **AUCTION SALES** every evening of general merchandise. dec 29—1f

R. A. MATTHEWS, of Richmond, Va. L. L. LOVING, of Nelson, Va.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE FORMED a partnership, under the name and style of **MATTHEWS & LOVING,**

and having purchased the stock of Messrs. Witmer & Washington, will continue the **AUCTION & COMMISSION BUSINESS,** in connection with a

WHOLESALE & RETAIL GROCERY, at the old stand of Messrs. Witmer & Washington, No. 4, Jannery's Wharf, and No. 8, Union street, Alexandria, Va., where they will be glad to see their friends.

Consignments of Country Produce, &c., made to them will receive prompt attention, and every reasonable effort will be given to render general satisfaction. R. A. MATTHEWS, de 30—1f L. L. LOVING.

GEORGE WASHINGTON,

COMMISSION MERCHANT, Office No. 8, Union street, up stairs, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Particular attention paid to the selling of all kinds of Country Produce, and of filling orders for Groceries, Guano, Seeds, &c. Jan 5—1f

FLOUR! FLOUR!

J. H. GAMBRILL'S best Baltimore Family Flour.

Golden Hill Family. Geo. W. Legg's Family. Golden Hill Extra. Mt. Pleasant Extra. Grove's Self Rising. Received and for sale by

Geo. E. WHITE, 89 and 91, Cameron street. Jan 9—4w

MACKEREL—

No. 1, 2 and 3—in bbls., hlf. bbls and kits. For sale by **EDGAR SPEIDEN,** No. 12, South Fairfax st. de 28—1f